

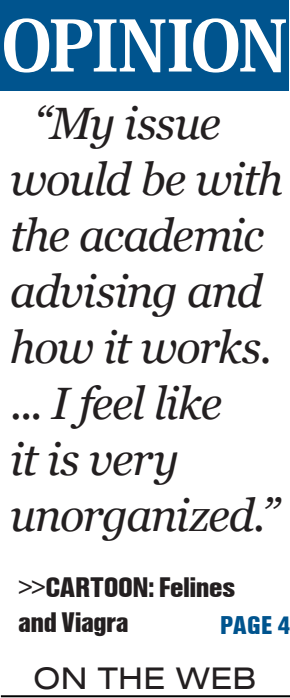


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where few venture to go

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‘THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES’

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Psychology sophomore Julie Diaz (left) and Elizabeth Charles, a junior marketing major, perform the skit titled “My Angry Vagina,” in which they protest against uncomfortable tampons, perfumed douches and the procedures women undergo when they visit the gynecologist. Review, Page 6.

MASCOT PRIMARIES

What will you pick to represent UT-Brownsville?

By Rene Cardona Jr.

COLLEGIAN EDITOR





SEE THEM ALL

From cowboys to hurricanes, know all the options.

As it stands now, the list has 31 mascot possibilities, which are categorized into four sections: animals, fowl, marine life, natural disasters and people. The list includes the white-tailed deer, the diamondback rattlesnake, the brown thrasher (bird), the sea turtle, hurricanes and vaqueros. Anyone wishing to see all 31 options can visit [utb.edu/mascot](http://utb.edu/mascot).

In early fall, it was assumed the scorpion would remain as UTB’s mascot, as per a *Collegian* interview with Provost Alan Artibise. By November, more than 300 members of the campus community had submitted ideas. The ocelot, a wild cat that ranges from the eastern coast of Mexico to the Brazilian Highlands, transpired as the most popular response, according to *The Collegian’s* previous reporting.

Although the creature was once classified as a “vulnerable” threatened species, it is now categorized as of least concern, which has the lowest extinction risk on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Endangered Species.

The mascot committee, composed of Student Government Association representatives, the Cyclone Club, Staff Senate, Academic Senate, alumni and the Creative Services Department, will confirm the final contenders that emerge from the campus community’s votes. Those selected by the committee will move on to another round of voting during Bougainvillea Court elections in late April.

Times for voting have yet to be finalized.

“We kind of want to look at the results and see what trends are there, so I can’t say in April how many final mascots will be on the list,” Fuentes-Martin said. “It’s going to depend on how the results come out in March.”

After the voting in March, the list will be sent to the University of Texas System’s trademark office, which will ensure the options can be used by UTB, as per licensing and trademark regulations.

“When we narrow it down to a smaller number, then they can tell us realistically whether things can be considered or not,” Fuentes-Martin said.

After 200 mascot idea submissions, the list has been narrowed down for the campus community to vote on the new symbol that will represent UT-Brownsville as an autonomous institution.

“I believe that Dr. [Juliet V.] García and the administration felt that this was something that should be determined by the students and the campus community, so I, in a silly way, referred to it as the mascot primaries,” said Mari Fuentes-Martin, dean of students and associate vice president for Student Affairs.

The SGA elections, scheduled from 8 a.m. starting March 28 to 4 p.m. March 29, will include the polls for mascot voting via My UT-Brownsville Blackboard. Students, staff and faculty can vote.

GPA, course completion up among freshmen

By Marlane Ashley Rodriguez

THE COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC is seeing an improvement in course completion and grade-point average among first-time freshmen after implementing the First Year Seminar course, officials say.

In Fall 2010, before the program started, first-time freshmen completed, on average, 9.08 semester credit hours when they signed up for 12 hours. On average, their grade-point average was 2.03.

In Fall 2011, when the First Year Seminar was begun, first-time freshmen completed 9.37 out of 12 semester credit hours and their average GPA climbed to 2.37, according to information provided by Terry Overton, dean of the University College.

The one-hour course is “aimed at giving first-time college students the skills needed to succeed in college,” according to a news release issued last August. More than 2,100 incoming freshmen filled 84 sections of the course administered by University College. An additional 600 freshmen are taking the course this semester, Overton said.

Asked if retention rates are improving because of the seminar class, Overton replied that the university would not see retention and graduation rates improve until next fall.

“The retention rate that we really look at is from fall to fall, so the first group has just finished the fall semester and then we’re starting with the spring cohort. We won’t have that data until next fall semester,” she said.

The dean said other factors might impact student retention.

“A lot of students come here for their general education courses, and then they want to transfer to professional degree programs somewhere else, so they come in with the intention of leaving the second year,” Overton said.

UTB/TSC’s overall retention rate after Year



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Weekly What's UP

Want your event to be featured? Submit event information one week in advance, before 5 p.m. Tuesday to collegian@utb.edu. First come first serve, but student organization events are given preference.

—Compiled by Regina Miller

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Under the big top</b>  Today is the last day the famous Circo Hermanos Vásquez will be in town. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices vary. Call 1-877-829-7839 for more information.	<b>International Earth Day</b>  International Earth Day was initiated to make Earth inhabitants aware of their responsibility to care for this planet. IED is different from United States' Earth Day, which is on April 22.	<b>Graduation Fair</b>  The Spring Graduation Fair, where you can get information regarding commencement and buy all things necessary for your big day, is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on campus.	<b>Business Mixer</b> The Mission Chamber of Commerce hosts an after-hours business mixer at Shotz Bar and Grill in Mission. Food and drinks will be served as you get the opportunity to network with other businesses from the RGV. The mixer is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is located at 2530 E. Griffin Pkwy. in Mission.	<b>Haven Bar</b>  Hard Driver will perform music of the '80s, from AC/DC to Whitesnake from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Haven is located at 1237 E. Adams St. in Downtown Brownsville.	<b>Lucha Libre</b>  "Choque de Rudos" lucha libre will feature four different fights with wrestlers from Brownsville. The event is at the Golden Corral parking lot on Boca Chica Boulevard and runs from 6 to 10 p.m.	<b>'Mad Men' is back</b>  Attention, Jon Hamm lovers: The Emmy- and Golden Globe-winning series debuts its fifth season with a two-hour premiere. The show airs on AMC and starts one hour earlier at 8 p.m. Central Daylight Time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ACT PREP COURSE**  
The **Language Institute** will offer a four-week **ACT Prep Course** in Room D3A-180 of the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center. This course prepares students for all sections of the ACT exam. The next two courses are scheduled from Tuesday to April 12 and from May 15 to June 7. The cost of the course is \$300. For more information, call 882-4178.

**CEO OF HUNT OIL VISITS**  
UTB/TSC will conduct a **Business Appreciation Breakfast** with guest speaker **Ray Hunt**, CEO of the Hunt Oil Co., at 7:30 a.m. Friday in the Student Union's Gran Salón. Honorees are **Sergio Arguelles**, an industrial park developer and Rancho Viejo's new owner; **Jo Rae Wagner**, a commercial plumbing contractor; and **René Capistrán**, a general contractor, construction manager and designer. Cost of attendance is \$20. For more information, call Administrative Assistant **Maribeth Deese** at 882-5828.

**PWS SPRING CONFERENCE**  
**Professional Women Speak** will host the 2012 Spring Conference **"A Woman's Path to Effective Leadership"** from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the Education and Business Complex's Salón Cassia. Cost of admission (breakfast included) is \$15, \$10 for students. For more information, email **Moises Estrada** at moises.estrada@utb.edu or call 882-7334.

**CELEBRATING VALOR**  
The **Rio Grande Valley Wing** of the **Commemorative Air Force** will host the **2012 Air Fiesta** at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at the **Brownsville/ South Padre Island International Airport**. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate; children 12 and younger have free entrance. Tickets can be purchased at Stripes Stores and Walgreens, or online at [www.rgvwingcaf.com/airfiesta](http://www.rgvwingcaf.com/airfiesta).

**SAFARI AT THE ZOO!**  
**Gladys Porter Zoo** will host a **Safari "Play Time!"** at 10 a.m. Saturday. Children can make "toys" so that animals can get their daily exercise and then watch them play. A tour of the zoo, snack, materials and supplies are included in each class. The fee is \$15 per child (ages 4 and up) and adults. To register for a class, call 548-WILD (9453) or download a registration form at [www.gpz.org](http://www.gpz.org). Registration is required.

**WOMEN'S WELLNESS FAIR**  
**Campus Recreation** will sponsor a **Women's Wellness Fair** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, and from 2-6 p.m. March 28 in the **Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center**. Departments and organizations will provide free health screenings, health information and giveaways. For more information, call 882-5977.

**BIGGEST LOSER**  
The **Community Development Corp. of Brownsville**, in an effort to support public health, is sponsoring Brownsville's **Biggest Loser Competition** and a free **"CDCB Help Me Get Healthy Sweepstakes,"** which will feature a free gym membership as well as

other prizes. To enter, go to [www.facebook.com/CDCBrownsville](http://www.facebook.com/CDCBrownsville) and click on the "Promos" tab.

**RALLYING FOR FARMWORKERS**  
The **College Assistance Migrant Program** will mark **National Farmworkers Awareness Week** with several events. The **César Chávez Rally**, featuring musical performances by CAMP staff and students, and migrant stories and poetry, will take place from 11 a.m. to noon March 28 in the Free Speech Area. Refreshments will be served after the rally in the CAMP office, located in Cardenas Hall North 103. CAMP alumni, students and **United Blood Services** will sponsor the **National César Chávez Blood Drive Challenge** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 29 in Cardenas Hall North 116 Cardenas Hall South 117. For more information, call 882-7871.

**IMMIGRATION SEMINAR**  
The **Office of Global Engagement and Rodriguez & Moretzsohn P.L.L.C.** will present an **"Immigration Seminar"** at 11 a.m. March 31 in the SET-B Lecture Hall. The seminar will cover topics such as work visas, attaining permanent residency and the citizenship process. For more information, contact **Samantha Lopez** at [samantha.lopez@utb.edu](mailto:samantha.lopez@utb.edu) or call 882-7092.

**STARS SCHOLARSHIP**  
The **South Texas Academic Rising Scholars (STARS)** scholarship program is accepting applications for 2012-13. Eligible undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply by March 31. For more information, visit <https://www.southtexasstars.org>.

**PALO ALTO BIRD WALK TOUR**  
**Palo Alto** will offer guided bird walks of the battlefield at 9 a.m. each Wednesday until the end of March. The tours will be led by a Texas master naturalist and will run about 1½ hours. Admission is free. For more information, call **Rolando Garza** at 541-2785.

**BILL COSBY**  
Comedian **Bill Cosby** will perform at 8 p.m. April 13 in the State Farm Arena, at South 10th Street in Hidalgo. Cosby's career spans five decades and is most notably known for the popular '80s sitcom, **"The Cosby Show."** Tickets (\$42 to \$57) can be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000.

**FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION**  
Taxpayers who have low or limited income (under \$49,000), individuals with disabilities, non-English speaking and elderly taxpayers can receive help to complete their tax returns. Volunteers will be available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays in room F9 of the **ITEC Center**, 301 Mexico Blvd. The service will continue through April 14. For more information, call 882-4108.

—Compiled by Magaly Rosales



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POLICE REPORTS



The following are among the incidents reported to Campus Police between Feb. 20 and 26.

**Monday, Feb. 20**  
**7:14 p.m.:** An employee of American Customer Care, which has an office in the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center, reported that her Chevrolet Tahoe was missing. She said that she parked her SUV at 11:45 a.m. and returned at 7 p.m. to find it missing. She did not give permission to anyone to use her vehicle.

**Tuesday, Feb. 21**  
**8:30 a.m.:** An individual with a standing criminal trespass warning was seen in Tandy Hall. The individual was transported to the Campus Police station where he was issued a new warning. Some witnesses told Campus Police that they saw him throw away something white in the trash can. After investigating, an officer found a glass pipe with wire mesh inside. The man was then placed under arrest for criminal trespassing, cited for drug paraphernalia and then transported to the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center.

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**  
**10:45 a.m.:** A staff member reported that some pornographic material was found in one of the computer's history in a biology prep room inside the Life and Health Sciences Building. The staff member said the computer can be logged in without a password so it could have been anyone. The department's supervisor said she was going to contact IT-Net to check the computer and set it up to require a password.

**Thursday, Feb. 23**  
**2:01 p.m.:** Campus Police found a projectile on the roof of the Center for Early Childhood Studies. The bullet was found by a Physical Plant employee who was inspecting the roof for the cause of a leak in the building. He turned in the projectile to one of the daycare's employees who gave it to Campus Police.

**Friday, Feb. 24**  
**2:47 p.m.:** A staff member reported that a man was taking photos of vehicles parked in the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center. Due to a previous theft of a vehicle in the area, a police officer kept watch on the man and then pulled him over after he noticed that he was not wearing his seatbelt and failed to signal a turn. The officer smelled alcohol on him and saw that he had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. He said that he was taking photos of a crashed vehicle to show his wife that her car, which he wrecked, was not badly damaged. He showed the officer his photos and one depicted a staff member. He said that he only drank half of a 12-ounce beer and later said he had one beer. The officer conducted the one leg stand test and the Rhomberg balance test after he said that he couldn't do the one leg stand due to a pain on his right leg; he failed both. After conducting a search of the man's vehicle, the officer found two plastic baggies of what looked like cocaine inside a baseball cap. The man was taken to Campus Police headquarters where the white substance tested positive for cocaine. The man was then arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication and drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center. He was also given a court appearance citation for not wearing a seatbelt and a turning violation.

**Saturday, Feb. 25**  
**4:31 p.m.:** A staff member reported that the UTB Charro Days float struck his Chevrolet Suburban. He said that he was pulling the float back to the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center for storage when he hit a bump on the road and the float continued to move forward and hit the Suburban. The Suburban sustained \$500 worth of damage.

**Sunday, Feb. 26**  
**1:11 a.m.:** A resident assistant and a Campus Police officer noticed alcohol in one of the rooms in Casa Bella while conducting a walkthrough of the student housing complex. The two noticed that one of the rooms was left unlocked, so they knocked on the door but no one answered. They then entered the room and found six cans of alcohol in the kitchen and disposed of them. A copy of the report was forwarded to the Dean of Students Office.

—Compiled by Samantha Ruiz



# Tercero: TSC to offer hundreds of jobs

By Michelle Serrano  
THE COLLEGIAN

Texas Southmost College President Lily Tercero gave the Student Government Association an update on the programs the school will offer beginning in Fall 2013.

Speaking during the March 6 meeting of the senate, Tercero affirmed that UT-Brownsville and TSC are still jointly accredited until 2015, meaning that degrees would continue without interruption “until we finalize [the partnership separation]. ... Degrees will be just as they have been in the last 20 years.”

She assured the SGA that by Fall 2013, TSC will be allowed to offer classes as an independent institution, offering its own vocational technology catalogs in fields such as automotive mechanics and allied health, all as an open access

institution.

Tercero said the community college is undergoing a “program review process,” discerning what the demand in the current market is and based upon factors such as interviews conducted with more than 100 local businesses. The process is an effort to ensure students have a high-wage job after they graduate, as well as developing new vocational programs to meet the demand.

The SGA shared its concerns with Tercero regarding issues that had yet to be cleared up, such as which buildings TSC will use for classes.

“Right now, we don’t know. ... We have not yet entered the negotiation phase of the use of facilities,” the president said. “I will tell you that the majority of the facilities are owned by Texas Southmost College. ... Remember, the college



JOE MOLINA/COLLEGIAN

Texas Southmost College President Lily Tercero addresses the Student Government Association, reassuring the senate on the progress and combined efforts of UT-Brownsville and TSC to reach full separation and accreditation by 2015.

started back in 1926.”

Tercero said the negotiations will take place over the summer.

Funding for the college was discussed in great detail between Tercero and the SGA, with Tercero

acknowledging that in order to lay out the new foundation for TSC as an independent institution, officials would have to make use of resources such as property taxes, state appropriations, tuition and

fees.

Graduate Senator Joe Lee Rubio mentioned that TSC could collect leasing fees from UTB.

“I don’t know what will happen in terms of the leasing agreements. ... There may be potential income there,” Tercero said.

SGA President Arturo Guerra asked whether tuition for TSC students would drop.

“You will see that, most likely in fall of ’13, if it’s sooner that will be wonderful, but we’re working on that right now,” Tercero said, adding that as enrollment increases the cost of tuition will decrease.

Other potential funding sources discussed during the meeting were institutional advancement and establishing a TSC foundation.

“We’re going to have lots of open positions in TSC--hundreds--so that’s good news,” Tercero said.

## Wonder Women



CHRISTOPHER PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

**Name:** April Flores

**Age:** 21

**Hometown:** Brownsville

**Classification:** Junior

**Majors:** Public service and history with teacher certification

**Graduation Date:** Spring 2013

**Hobbies:** “Being with my daughter, photography, reading. I enjoy writing and activism. I’m the president of the Texas Freedom Network, student chapter at UT-Brownsville. ... We provide a progressive agenda to combat the religious right. Basically we are advocating for the separation of church and state, but we are not atheists, because we have an organization under the Texas Freedom Network called the Texas Faith Network. [It’s composed of] people of different religions, and they support our views. The movement that I’m in right now is advocating for comprehensive sex education in Texas.”

**What kinds of struggles have you faced as a woman?**

“Well, at 18 I became pregnant. At 19, I had my daughter, Frida, and I’m a single parent, so it’s been extremely hard with school and everything. I’m sleep-deprived. My daughter is 2 and in the two years I have only slept five hours [a day] and that’s why I look so tired. I just discovered coffee and it’s been helping me. [The other struggle is] the stereotype that people place on young mothers—that they are not going to do anything, that they are just going to live off welfare programs and stuff. I’m not that stereotype, I’m in college, I’m here to get my education to improve my life, improve my daughter’s life and that’s the biggest challenge.”

**What is your latest accomplishment?**

“This summer I will be presenting a workshop on comprehensive sex ed and how young adolescents can advocate for it and implement this type of programs and it’ll be presented in the National Council of La Raza’s annual conference in Las Vegas.”

**Who or what inspires you?**

“First of all, my daughter motivates me to do all these things because who else is going to do these things for her? She is dependent on me, she has no one else and ... I have to do this. I’m doing this for myself, as well, because these are my accomplishments and accomplishments for her. The second thing that motivates me is the injustices that happen pretty much everywhere but specifically here in Brownsville.”

**Advice:** “Never give up, you never, ever, ever give up and if you really want it, you will work for it. ... And all these accomplishments that I have been achieving it’s because I have decided that I want to do it. It’s up to you as a person.”

—Compiled by Jasmin Euceda

# Women pillars of the Valley speak of trailblazing

By Joe Molina  
THE COLLEGIAN

A business owner, federal judge, student, banker and doctor shared their struggles and accomplishments during a Women’s History Month presentation.

“Finding Your Voice” featured Edna Posada, president and owner of Aldani Inc.; U.S. District Judge Hilda Tagle; UTB/TSC student Krystal Sanchez; Nancy Rodriguez, Rio Grande Valley president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank; and, Dr. Rose Gowen, an obstetrician/gynecologist and a Brownsville city commissioner, all of whom advised students on finding their voice while pursuing success.

Posada opened the forum, held March 6 in the SET-B Lecture Hall, by discussing the hardships of being a woman. She said women have to “think like a man, act like a lady, look like a

young girl and work like a horse.”

People refer to Posada as a lucky woman.

“But you know what? It’s the harder I work, the luckier I get,” she said.

She recommends that students find mentors in their field of study or profession and not overlook the basics when it comes to making good first impressions, both at school and in the workplace.

“Dress well and groom well,” Posada said, “because when you have a sloppy appearance, people don’t take you seriously, [and] don’t talk just to talk unless you know what you are going to talk about ... [and] volunteer in your city’s organizations.”

Tagle noted the importance of instilling values, not just on girls, but on boys, too.

“From the very beginning, as parents, we do not instill in our boys the importance of their responsibility as



JOE MOLINA/COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC graduate Michelle Serrano introduces the theme of the panel discussion “Finding Your Voice” March 6 in the SET-B Lecture Hall. The presentation featured (seated, from left) U.S. District Judge Hilda Tagle; UTB/TSC student Krystal Sanchez; Nancy Rodriguez, Rio Grande Valley president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank; and, Dr. Rose Gowen, an obstetrician/gynecologist and a Brownsville city commissioner.

a parent,” she said. “We advocate that responsibility to the women.”

Tagle said it’s equally important, if not more so, to teach the boys, “from the get-go,” the importance of their role as a parent.

“The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world,” she said.

Being a victim of abuse, Sanchez is a volunteer at Monica’s House and Maggie’s House, which serve child victims of

abuse through prevention, intervention and treatment. She explained the reasons for raising her voice.

“Child abuse is an epidemic,” Sanchez said. “It’s important for people to understand that even today there are many victims who are unaccounted for because they simply don’t speak up.”

She said many victims of physical and sexual abuse are scared or embarrassed and believe no one is going to listen.

“Today, I am not here as a victim,” Sanchez concluded, “... but [as] a voice for children who have lost their lives to child abuse or simply the ones who haven’t found the courage to speak up.”

Rodriguez began by sharing a phrase her English professor used to welcome freshmen during her first year at Baylor University.

“Get a life,” she said.

“Up until that point, I had always heard that phrase ... as something very negative, but what he talked about that day was making your life for yourself.”

When Rodriguez was trying to decide what to make of her life and what career path to take, she

wasn’t “blessed” with knowing exactly what she wanted to do.

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## Theatrically speaking



MIGUEL ANGEL ROBERTS/COLLEGIAN


Martie DiGregorio, director of special events and presidential services for the UT-Brownsville Office of the President, portrays Mrs. Peterson in a scene from “Bye Bye Birdie” during the Women in the Arts Speaking Series held March 8 in the Amulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library. Part of the UTB’s observance of **Women’s History Month**, the series continues at 7 p.m. Thursday in the SET-B Lecture Hall with retired teacher and singer, songwriter and poet Rosa Canales Pérez’s presentation of “Cultura con Canción: Ranchera, Folk and Blues.”

For all the WHM campus events and coverage, visit [utbcollegian.com](http://utbcollegian.com).

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# BABELitical

# What's Your Beef?

### Advising concerns

"My issue would be with the academic advising and how it works. I feel that you sometimes don't get the right academic adviser. Other times, you go and they ask you to wait for hours and then they don't have time to see you. ... I feel like it is very unorganized."



**Jerry Marmolejo**  
Junior biology major

### Trim cost of textbooks

"The book prices. Altogether, they probably cost as much as my tuition. [The bookstores should] maybe lower the prices a bit, have more used copies. If I do return a book, or try to sell it back to them, I would like to get more than \$10 for a book that cost me \$180."



**Alex Garza**  
Sophomore computer science major

### How about multistory parking?

"Parking. There is not enough parking. Faculty says there is enough parking, but that's because they have their own designated parking spaces. There are not enough parking spaces for students. I think it would be best if the school would invest in an underground parking facility, or a multi-story parking facility. That would be great."



**Agustin Garcia**  
Sophomore psychology major

### More labs, please

"Maybe, if they can open another open lab in the middle of the campus, like it was in SET-B. Now, if we can't get a computer at Oliveira lab, we have to walk to the EDBC lab."



**Ruben Leal**  
Sophomore



Tell us your beef via Twitter. Just use #mybeef and tweet us, @utbcollegian.

-Compiled by Marlane Ashley Rodriguez  
-Photos by Miguel Angel Roberts



# City tries to trim trash collection fee

By **Samantha Ruiz**  
THE COLLEGIAN

Brownsville City Manager Charlie Cabler and Chief Financial Officer Pete Gonzalez are meeting with Allied Waste in the hope of lowering the 4.67 percent residential garbage collection rate increase set to take effect April 1. City commissioners approved Gonzalez's request to table acknowledging the increase during the March 6 commission meeting. Cabler said the city is

trying to reduce the amount as much as possible and the company is cooperating with them. Gonzalez and District 1 Commissioner Ricardo Longoria explained that the item was placed on the agenda to acknowledge the increase that is included in a contract previously approved by the commissioners. "There was a contract awarded and some of the language in the contract specifies that there will be an increase based on [the

consumer price index]," Gonzalez said. Longoria said: "These percentages happen on a yearly basis, they are only placed in the agenda for information's sake. ... They are placed on the agenda ... as a courtesy so the public can know that these are things that are standard to the contract that has already been approved." Longoria said that Allied Waste is one of the only providers that comes into the city's landfill and also pays all the expenses for

utilizing the area. Gonzalez said they will be using a different Consumer Price Index scale to try to lower the rate, but wanted to inform the public of the increase that is to appear in their bill next month. Commissioners tabled the item until their next meeting, which is scheduled Tuesday. They awarded a \$408,184 contract to Jacobs Engineering of Dallas for architectural and engineering design services for a parking garage at the new Brownsville Multimodal Bus Terminal on East Adams Street.

The city, which is trying to revitalize the downtown area, recently bought the Cueto Building on East Madison Street from Texas Southmost College. Irv Downing, UTB/TSC vice president for Economic Development and Community Service has been on committees to revitalize downtown since the 1970s. He told *The Collegian* in an article published in



Garbage collection rates will increase by 4.67 percent April 1.

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## University Blvd. now east and west of highway

The Brownsville City Commission has approved a resolution that adds a directional designation to University Boulevard and extends it east of Highway 77/83. University Boulevard, from its intersection with International Boulevard to U.S. Highway 77/83, will now be known as West University Boulevard. East Avenue, from its intersection with the highway to Elena Street, will become East University Boulevard.

In a letter to City Manager Charlie Cabler dated Jan. 11, UT-Brownsville Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Alan Artibise states that the university is trying to unify the expanding university and newly purchased property adjacent to East Avenue.

Artibise said that it will also make it easier for residents and visitors to find the university and will "enhance the effective delivery of public services" to the area.



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University Boulevard, from U.S. Highway 77/83 to International Boulevard will be named West University Boulevard. East Avenue, from the highway to Elena Street, will become East University Boulevard.

The resolution was approved during the March 6 meeting of the commission. Roberto Esparza, director of the city's Traffic Department, could not be reached by press time for comment on the cost and when the changes will take place. --Samantha Ruiz

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## Getting the lift to an A+

ON CAMPUS | How supplemental instruction can help

By **Jasmin Euceda**  
THE COLLEGIAN

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The center offers help with these historically difficult courses by offering Supplemental Instruction sessions with tutors, called Supplemental Instruction leaders, knowledgeable in those courses.

The SI leaders prepare for their instruction by attending the course, taking notes, doing homework and reading the assigned chapter along with the students, according to a news release from the department.

Supplemental instruction sessions are free to those who are enrolled in classes that have an SI leader.

During these sessions, students are taught to use strategies to help them improve their study plan and be successful on their exams.

Statistics provided by the Learning Enrichment Center show an improvement

in those students who attend SI sessions. Students who attended at least one SI session earned an average final grade point of 2.64. Students who attended five or more SI sessions earned an average final grade point of 3.03.

Students who did not attend any SI sessions earned an average final grade point of 1.91.

The program began in 1999. James Mills, a UTB/TSC associate master technical instructor for history, had the first course under the program.

SI leaders undergo training and are chosen by professors to assist other students to succeed in their classes.

Gilda Lire-Caldwell, a UTB/TSC learning instructional specialist, said she hopes to implement SI sessions in other classes by next semester.

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# And the Artopia winners are ...



Art senior Adriana Rodriguez won Best of Show for her piece, "Could You Pass the Sugar?". **Top Right:** Senior art major Sergio Garcia receives the Best 3-D award from Patricia Longoria for his artwork, titled "Prana Eater." **Bottom Right:** Junior art major Juan Salias receives the Best 2-D award for his mixed-media creation, "Niña."



JOE MOLINA/COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

By Regina Miller  
THE COLLEGIAN

The Student Union's Gran Salón looked vibrant as it displayed artwork from students and alumni. More than 100 people attended the March 5 opening reception for the exhibit, which included paintings, sculpture, photography and conceptual art.

Developed in 2009, "The purpose behind Artopia was to create a tradition, a show that included both men and women with no particular theme," said Patricia Longoria, assistant director of the Student Union.

Longoria said the Union "received a huge response from the 2008 Women's Art, Women's Vision show, and men started asking when we would have a show that would include them as well."

Students were asked to submit 2-D and 3-D art pieces to be judged for the competition component of the exhibit. This year, the 48 submissions received were judged by Samantha Garcia, director of the Art Gallery at Rusteberg Hall.

Asked what criteria would be used to judge the artwork, Garcia replied: "I was looking for artwork with a lot of quality, and also artwork that actually said something to me ... that captured my attention that I could stay

in front of the piece for a long while and be able to have a conversation with the piece."

She expects Artopia to get "bigger and bigger" with each passing year.

The winners of this year's show are art education senior Adriana Rodriguez, Best of Show, for her painting, "Could You Pass the Sugar?"; art junior Juan Salias, Best 2-D, for his mixed-media piece titled "Niña"; and, art senior Sergio Garcia, Best 3-D, for his sculpture "Prana Eater."

Honorable mentions were awarded to senior art major David Guerra for his painting, "Ecstasy," and UTB/TSC communication graduate Miguel Angel Roberts for his photograph, "Page."

Many of the pieces displayed are grounded in the local community and its current state.

Rodriguez told *The Collegian* her piece is meant to show "how everyone is so submissive about [violence in Mexico] because we're so used to it and it happens all the time. ... It seems like no one cares."

She hopes to be a teacher while simultaneously creating art.

Longoria said she hopes to see "continued support from across the university." She believes that "to embrace the arts is an important cultural experience for our students for their educational, personal and even professional development."



JOE MOLINA/COLLEGIAN

This year's "Vagina Monologues" cast and crew are (seated, from left) Mitzy de la Fuente, Ellen Gonzalez, Julie Diaz, Elizabeth Charles, executive producer and director Debbie Pérez, Lillian Martinez, Dafne Cortez, Mary Saldivar and Carolina Reyna. Standing: Benita Cruz, Diana Landeros, Kristyna Rios, Cassandra Hernandez, Jessica Vallejo, director and narrator Elisa Niño, Peggy Reyna, Gabriela Mascorro, Ana Carretero, Kimberly Blankenship, Oralia de la Garza and Karla Hernandez.

## From their hips to your ears

Play Review | 'The Vagina Monologues'

By Joe Molina  
THE COLLEGIAN

What is there to say about the vagina? Apparently, a lot! When the actresses have the stage, the things that pour out of their mouths can be profoundly humorous, unconditionally revealing and, at times, extremely unsettling.

As a supporter of women's rights and a fan of women in general, this year's "Vagina Monologues," based on playwright Eve Ensler's work, was a soul shaker that, for me, redefined women from head to right-below-the-waist.

Graduate student Elisa Niño directed and narrated this year's production, the seventh year it has been presented at the university. Debbie Ann Pérez served as executive director and producer.

Held in the SET-B Lecture Hall March 2 and 3's performances included the interpretational efforts of 18 brave female students, role-playing across an episodic journey of previously documented "vagina interviews" that illustrate the interesting, the funny and the ugly truths of being a woman.

Niño's 80-minute, Las Vegas-style take of the "Monologues" covered select women's stories of their journeys to self-discovery and acceptance.

In between and during some acts, the performers took turns delivering fun facts and curious anecdotes such as euphemisms for vagina and the different kinds of intimate female moans.

The skits included testimonial excerpts on a wide range of subjects, from an innocent 6-year-old and a fanny-packing 72-year-old to a bi-curious teenager and a sexy Pittsburgh resident obsessed with reclaiming a derogatory term for the vagina, and from the overlooked rape victims of the Congo to a timid woman who finds herself through the eyes of "Bob" and his obsessive insight on the female body.

Spotlight performances included pieces titled "Hair," performed by Mary Saldivar; "The Flood" or "La Inundación," by Lillian Martinez; and, "My Angry Vagina," by Elizabeth Charles and Julie Diaz.

It was obvious Saldivar was determined to deliver a convincing message in "Hair." She let the cat out of the bag and boldly said from the get-go, "My first and only husband hated hair."

She cleverly worked the stage as she retold her character's futile attempts to salvage a marriage.

One of the most memorable of Saldivar's scenes, in which she describes the aftermath of shaving to that of mosquito bites on fire, was in itself a cringing performance.

She concluded her act by iterating, "You have to love hair in order to love the vagina. You can't pick the parts you want!"

Martinez's well-delivered performance in "The Flood" was so convincing, it made one feel literally in the presence of an arthritic senior recounting the birth of the teenage trauma that kept her from reaching sexual maturity, much less exploring her "basement."

Martinez's voice and appearance were in check for the role of a senior, but her Spanish diction was exceptionally clear and well-delivered.

Given the originality of the skit and the constant laughter from the full house on March 2, "The Flood" was the best single performance of the evening.

Several acts included multiple actors who lobbed lines of dialogue from one to another.

In their combined effort, Charles and Diaz performed a fiery piece enumerated with complaints over their characters' undermined, tortured and angry vaginas.

Reluctant to give in to the patriarchal set standards and products made for women that greatly overlook delicateness, Charles and Diaz hurled tampons at the audience and loudly objected to cleansing sprays.

The show would have been incomplete without their smart-aleck, gut-busting rhetoric.

The overall gist of Niño's choice monologues this year encapsulated much more than feminist activism, sensual scenes and uncomfortable subjects. It was about women and their right to be heard, no matter the topic.

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# Las doce mujeres más sobresalientes del campus

## Premian a alumnas internacionales en el Día Internacional de la Mujer

Por Viridiana Zúñiga  
EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

La Oficina de Global Engagement se honró en otorgar el reconocimiento de La Estudiante Internacional Sobresaliente (Outstanding International Female Student) a la alumna mexicana Constanza Burciaga Calderoni, con motivo de la celebración del Día Internacional de la Mujer, el 8 de marzo.

“Hoy reconocemos a la estudiante internacional más sobresaliente del campus”, dijo Alla Paroiatnikova, directora de la oficina de Global Engagement. “Pues éste es el día en que las mujeres del mundo aplaudimos nuestro éxito en la lucha por la equidad, siendo ésta la primera vez que el mundo entero nos celebra”.

Doce alumnas de diversas especialidades estuvieron nominadas por docentes y personal administrativo de UTB/TSC para recibir el galardón.

“Fue muy difícil elegir a la ganadora”, dijo Paroiatnikova. “Cada uno de los logros de todas estas jovencitas nos sorprendía”.

Entre aplausos, se otorgaron reconocimientos a todas las alumnas nominadas.

La primera fue Jie Hu, una estudiante de postgrado en física proveniente de China, que concluyó un proyecto en microscopía de sonda de barrido, además de contribuir a su campo de estudio con su dedicación y habilidades analíticas.

Katharina Nobel, una estudiante de administración de empresas de tercer año oriunda de Alemania y miembro del equipo nacional de voleibol de UTB y atleta becada de la Asociación Nacional de Deportes Intercolegiales (NAIA, por sus siglas en inglés).

La peruana Luciana Morales, graduada de UTB/TSC, es miembro del equipo de ajedrez, presidente del club de filosofía, maestra de ajedrez en el Distrito Escolar de Brownsville (BISD, por sus siglas en inglés) y brinda su ayuda al programa de Ingeniería, Matemáticas y Ciencias del Sur de Texas (S.T.E.M.S., por sus siglas en inglés) con su



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Entre las nominadas al reconocimiento de la estudiante internacional más destacada se encuentran: Luciana Morales (de izquierda), estudiante peruana de postgrado; Jie Hu, estudiante china de postgrado en física; Alla Paroiatnikova, directora de la oficina de Global Engagement; la ganadora Constanza Burciaga Calderoni, estudiante mexicana de tercer año en biología; Mariana Hernández, estudiante mexicana de tercer año en arte; Diana Landeros, estudiante mexicana de último año en contabilidad; Samantha García, estudiante mexicana de postgrado en sociología; y Aragella Salazar, consejera de estudiantes internacionales.

experiencia fotográfica.

La estudiante de último año de contabilidad, Diana Landeros, viene de México y funge como presidente del club de contabilidad, también es miembro del consejo estudiantil del decano y del equipo de revisión por pares de la Escuela de Administración de Empresas para la acreditación de la Asociación de Escuelas Superiores de Administración de Empresas (AACSB, por sus siglas en inglés).

Mariana Hernández, una estudiante mexicana de arte de tercer año, es senadora del Gobierno Estudiantil, fue miembro del comité de la oficina de Center for Civic Engagement, estuvo en un programa de arte en los Estudios de Enseñanza del Arte en Nueva York con renombrados pintores como Adam Miller, Robert Zeller y Bennett Vadnaïs. Participó en varios concursos de poesía en UTB y en México.

Samantha García, alumna mexicana de

postgrado en sociología y arte, es la directora de la galería de Rusteberg Hall encargada de instalar las exhibiciones, de la campaña de relaciones públicas, de agendar recepciones y trabajar con becarios.

La sudafricana Monique de Nysschen, estudiante de enfermería de tercer año, graduada de Atlantic Union College y formó parte de un departamento de pediatría en Massachusetts.

Azalea Laredo es una estudiante mexicana de segundo año con especialidad en educación; ella es miembro de Bravo Opera Company, fue parte del premiado Master Chorale, participó en la ópera “The Gondoliers and Don Giovanni” y tiene gran habilidad para cantar en italiano, francés y alemán.

Ana Aguilar, oriunda de México, es una estudiante de tercer año de investigación forense y derecho penal, es una “Orientation Leader” y “Scorpion Ambassador”, además de trabajar como asistente en el laboratorio de investigación forense.

Jessica Rosas, estudiante mexicana de canto de

# Abogado de la región gana concurso mundial

## Certamen internacional de cortometrajes galardona a un matamorens

Por Viridiana Zúñiga  
EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Raúl Darío Rodríguez Serrano, oriundo de Matamoros, México, es un multifacético abogado que presta sus servicios en el Consulado de México en Brownsville y que, como muchos de nosotros, ha pasado su vida atestiguando las insólitas y, a veces, ignoradas verdades de esta tierra que divide a dos naciones y las une en una historia.

Este año, por medio del certamen internacional “Cortando Fronteras 2”, Rodríguez le dio voz a la compleja realidad de la migración en su cortometraje “El exilio”, ganando con éste el primer lugar del concurso.

“He trabajado muy de cerca con historias de migrantes inimaginables”, dijo Rodríguez. “Esto es una manera de juntar un poco de lo mucho que me ha tocado presenciar”.

El cortometraje, grabado en Brownsville, Matamoros y Rio Grande City, narra los recuerdos de la travesía de un migrante hacia Estados Unidos en un tiempo donde ya está asentado en el país.

“Han pasado ya más de 10 años desde que crucé; sigo haciendo el trabajo honesto que aquí no quieren hacer”, dice el personaje representado por Rodríguez en el cortometraje. “Han pasado más de 10 años desde que llegué; no me querían entonces, ni tampoco me quieren ahora... pero ahora no me dejan ir”.

La convocatoria para el concurso le dio a Rodríguez y a los millones de mexicanos que residen en el extranjero, la oportunidad de compartir creativamente sus impresiones y experiencias, exponiendo la complejidad del fenómeno migratorio y fortaleciendo el vínculo que hay entre ellos y su país.

“La secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores lanzó la segunda edición de este concurso

de cortometrajes con el propósito de identificar y descubrir talentos que muchas veces permanecen en el ambiente sin darse a conocer”, dijo Rodolfo Quilantán Arenas, cónsul de México de Brownsville. “... Con esto se ofrece un escenario en donde jóvenes de todo el mundo pueden compartir su ideas, proyectos y realizaciones”.

El concurso es promovido por el Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior y el Centro de Capacitación Cinematográfica de CONACULTA y se basa en presentar un cortometraje grabado con un celular con duración no mayor a tres minutos; éste deberá referirse a la historia de un migrante mexicano, reflejando el trabajo, oficio, profesión o realidad cotidiana de un migrante, según la página oficial de Redes México.

Desde el 30 de enero al 2 de marzo, Rodríguez estuvo ocupando uno de los tres primeros lugares del concurso.

“El video [de Rodríguez] es extraordinario porque habla de algo muy cercano y a la vez muy retirado que es esta cerca, esta barda metálica que tenemos aquí en la frontera”, dijo Quilantán, refiriéndose al muro fronterizo.

Trece participantes de países como Reino Unido, Corea del Sur, Alemania, Estados Unidos, Francia, Irlanda, Filipinas, Suecia, China y Finlandia fueron seleccionados como finalistas, Rodríguez entre ellos.

El dictamen se dio a conocer el pasado jueves, premiando al primer, segundo y tercer lugar, de acuerdo a las votaciones emitidas por el público a través de la página de internet redesmexico.mx. Así mismo, la Comisión de Selección nominó a uno de los cortometrajes para el reconocimiento de “Mejor cortometraje 2011”.

El tercer lugar lo ocupó Josefina Mata Zetina de Alemania, con “Inspiración”, que

cuenta la historia de una mujer trabajadora que encuentra lo que la inspira al probar la comida mexicana, recordando su niñez.

Sara Nazareth Victoria Torres, de Filipinas, obtuvo el segundo lugar con el filme “De muertos en Manila”, que trata de las similitudes entre su país de residencia y México y del festejo tan similar del día de muertos en ambos países.

Y el reconocimiento al “Mejor cortometraje 2012”, se le otorgó a Valeria Saavedra Becerril, de Suecia, con el cortometraje “Ahorita vengo, voy por las tortillas”, que explica las experiencias y confusiones que vive día a día en un país que contrasta con el suyo.

“Como este concurso, ha habido varios realmente excepcionales”, dijo Quilantán. “Por ejemplo, el año pasado, con motivo de la independencia y el centenario de la revolución, se lanzó una convocatoria para identificar al mejor mariachi del mundo, ahora que el mariachi forma parte del patrimonio de la humanidad”.

En el concurso, titulado “Sones de mariachi por el mundo”, participaron más de 40 grupos de 22 países diferentes, resultando ganador el “Mariachi 7 leguas” de McAllen.

“Tuvimos la gran fortuna de que este mariachi recibiera un reconocimiento de tal índole”, dijo el cónsul. “Verdaderamente, su calidad es excepcional”.

Otro concurso realizado por la cancillería desde hace 16 años es “Éste es mi México”, en el que participan niños de todo el mundo entre 7 y 11 años haciendo un dibujo sobre un tema en particular; este año, la convocatoria está dedicada a la conmemoración del 150 aniversario de la batalla de Puebla.

El plazo para presentar los dibujos vence en dos semanas. El consulado estará

último año, ha sido finalista en varias ocasiones de la competencia de la Asociación Nacional de Maestros de Canto (NATS, por sus siglas en inglés) y ganadora del Concierto/Aria de la Orquesta Sinfónica.

“Agradezco al personal docente y administrativo por tomarse el tiempo de reconocer a estas grandes estudiantes que han hecho un gran trabajo al representar a nuestra escuela”, dijo Marilyn Woods, jefa de personal de la oficina de la rectora. “Agradezco a estas alumnas por hacer el esfuerzo por representar a su país de esta manera”.

Woods presentó a la ganadora del reconocimiento a la Estudiante Internacional Sobresaliente.

“Nacida y criada en la ciudad de México, Constanza Burciaga Calderoni se inscribió en esta escuela hace tres años después de haber recibido su educación en México y un año en Canadá”, ella dijo. “A pesar de los retos al estudiar una carrera en un país que no es el suyo, ella mantiene un promedio de 4.0 tomando 15 a 21 horas por semestre”.

Burciaga es ex-presidente del club de estudiantes internacionales, fue voluntaria en el programa de lectura del BISD, UTB y H-E-B. Participó como modelo en un desfile de modas de UTB; fue maestra de ceremonias en la Fiesta Mexicana y prestó sus servicios a la asociación de cristianos de Brasil proveyendo de cuidado dental a los pequeños, entre otras actividades.

Thelma Sullivan, directora asistente del Student Success Center, otorgó a la alumna una beca para estudiantes internacionales.

Paroiatnikova se despidió agradeciendo a las alumnas por su dedicación y entrega.

“Todas ustedes son mujeres maravillosas que han sido exitosas como estudiantes, como líderes y como miembros de la comunidad”, dijo ella. “Nos alegramos que podamos galardonarlas de esta manera”.



JONATHON DE LOS SANTOS/COLLEGIAN

El ganador de “Cortando Fronteras 2”, Raúl Rodríguez Serrano.

recibiendo los trabajos de los niños del Valle y de Matamoros que deseen participar. Los niños no precisan ser mexicanos.

Por su parte, el próximo proyecto de Rodríguez es la presentación de su producción musical titulada “Matamoros sounds espectacular”, que ofrece canciones conocidas sobre la ciudad, pero presentadas en géneros distintos, como tecno y cumbia. El disco incluye temas como “Barrio capilla”, “El matamorens” y “Mi Matamoros querido”.

Acerca de las actividades del IME, Quilantán dijo que eran una forma de ofrecer a los mexicanos en el exterior la oportunidad de compartir sus experiencias y crear un puente para que mantengan “ese vínculo indisoluble que tienen con su amada patria”.

El 15 de abril, los ganadores viajarán gratuitamente a la ciudad de México para la premiación, donde tendrán la oportunidad de analizar sus trabajos con expertos en el tema. El primer, segundo y tercer lugar recibirán \$61,298 pesos, \$49,310 pesos y \$37,622 pesos, respectivamente, en equipos fotográficos y cinematográficos.

Para ver los videos finalistas, ingrese a redesmexico.mx/cortandofronteras2.



FRESHMEN

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1 (fall to fall) is 54.6 percent; after Year 2, it is 44.5 percent; Year 3, 37.65 percent; and, Year 4, 29.3 percent, according to information provided by René Villarreal, associate vice president for Enrollment Management.

Asked why she thinks the First Year Seminar course will improve retention rates, Overton replied: “Most of the research that is done nationally shows that it takes three to five years before the university starts to see the retention rates and graduation rates improve. Every year we are looking at it to be sure that we’re making the changes we need to make, so that over time it will increase the retention rate.”

MASCOT

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The design, or logo, is not what will be voted on but merely the symbol that will be worked into a final image that will represent UT-Brownsville.

“The stage where we are at is picking

One change that will take place in the one-hour credit seminar course is a new book.

“We are moving to a different book,” Overton said. “We’re going to customize a book here that will be about the University of Texas at Brownsville.”

She said students reported that the old textbook was not very useful, and they wanted a book that was more useful to them.

“We are also working with the faculty community to tweak the syllabus, to make sure that it goes along with the new book,” Overton said.

Her hope is to see a bigger increase in the course completion rate next fall.

“Our goal is [for] students to complete 13 credit hours the first semester,” Overton said.

the name of the mascot, the type of mascot,” Fuentes-Martin said. “... The image is not what we are voting on--just the [kind of] mascot.”

The actual image will be developed after Bougainvillea elections once legal matters are resolved by UT-System officials. It is likely the designing of the mascot’s final visage will be done on campus, Fuentes-Martin said.

VOICE

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“I encourage ... that whatever you want to do, find out as much as you can about it, but don’t be afraid to speak up,” she said. “You have to engage, but you also have to learn about what you are talking about.”

Gowen recalled the time she applied for medical school and had to fly from interview to interview.

“Pretty much every single one, all across the state, at the end of the interview would ask, ‘Well, how are you going to deal with being a doctor, a woman and a mother?’” she said.

Her last interviewer at Baylor University

asked if there was anything she wanted to be asked.

Gowen replied, “Well, you haven’t asked me how to be a woman, a mother and a doctor at the same time.”

The interviewer said it was illegal to ask something like that.

“Would men be asked that question?” she recalled her interviewer asking.

Gowen said she was speechless yet enlightened. She was inspired to reach a level of equality in the medical field.

Her advice to students: Believe in yourself, don’t sell yourself short and keep an open mind.

“You will be surprised at what you can accomplish,” she said.

TRASH

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plan, healthcare and retirement, per BCIC’s request.

In return, the city requires that the corporation provide reimbursement for the cost of providing the benefits.

Commissioners authorized the city to enter into a joint agreement with the Brownsville Housing Authority to promote the development of new decent housing for people of low to moderate income.

The resolution will establish joint committees, standards and criteria for project agreements, interim loan agreements and the distribution of federal, state and local funds for the development of new housing.

Also approved was a memorandum of understanding between the City of Brownsville and the Port of Brownsville to split the payment of the “Welcome to Brownsville Sign” that is to be built on Highway 48.

Under the memorandum, the port is required to contribute 50 percent of the project expenses with the city at a maximum of \$30,000.

The commission also approved a requirement that all contracts with extension options receive approval before entering into an additional contract.

District 3 Commissioner Melissa Zamora said that she and Commissioner At-large “A” Estela Chavez-Vasquez want the commission to be able to review contracts that are about to expire and have an extension.

A workshop will be presented regarding contracts during Tuesday’s commission meeting.

In other business, the commission awarded contracts to the following for restoration and upgrades of City Hall:

--Trane Inc. of San Antonio as the prime contractor for the replacement of HVAC controls and lighting upgrades in the amount of \$93,080;

--and to FSG Lighting of San Antonio as the subcontractor for lighting in the amount of \$52,000.

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# Golfers in Sunshine State for Eagle Invitational



Senior golfer Anthony Milligan takes a swing during the Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. Invitational last month in Laguna Vista.

By Valerie Nichole Secrease  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UTB/TSC Men's and Women's Golf teams are competing today and Tuesday in the Eagle Invitational hosted by Embry Riddle University in Daytona, Fla.

Earlier this month, the men's team placed 15th of 15 teams in the Wyndham Invitational Tournament at the TPC Four Seasons at Las Colinas in Irving.

The team's combined score was 959 in the tournament held March 5 and 6.

Of the 15 teams that participated, the University of Texas-Pan American was the only NCAA entry. The other 14 teams are NAIA members, including the top three ranked teams.

In its last outing, UTB/TSC won its own five-team Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. Invitational Feb. 19 and 20 at the South Padre Island Golf Club in Laguna Vista. The Scorpions shot a 36-hole total of 584, and beat Rogers State University by 10 shots.

Rogers State was in the field in the Irving tournament, according to an Athletics Department news release.

On March 5, the Scorpions shot a team total of 636 after 36 holes that day. UTB/TSC shot a first-round 321 and second round of 315.

Adam Haley shot 80 and 74 for a 154, Eric Cavazos shot 78 and 77 for a 155, Anthony Milligan shot 79 and 84 for a 163, Marcus Cavazos shot 83 and 80 for a 163 and Vince Cavazos shot 84 and 85 for a 169.

On the last day of the tournament, the

Scorpions shot a 324 round, putting them in 15th place.

Oklahoma Christian University, the No. 1-ranked team in the NAIA Men's Golf Top 25 Preseason poll, won the tournament with a three-round total of 873. Oklahoma City University finished in second place, 12 shots behind, according to an Athletics Department news release.

Haley shot an 81 Tuesday for a three-round total of 235. Eric Cavazos finished with a 238, followed by Milligan with 243, Marcus Cavazos 245 and Vince Cavazos 250.

The team participated in the UST Mamiya Texas Intercollegiate hosted by Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth March 12 and 13. Results were not available at press time.

## Water volleyball competition

Registration starts today for the Campus Recreation 4-on-4 Water Volleyball Tournament, scheduled at 4 p.m. March 30. The deadline to sign up is March 28. For more information, call Raul Cano, Intramural/Club Sports Coordinator, at 882-5970. Participants may register at IMLeagues.com.

# No Spring Break for the Scorpions

## Played 8 games vs. Fisher, Wiley colleges

By Valerie Nichole Secrease  
SPORTS EDITOR

While everyone was out at the beach soaking up the sun and having a relaxing Spring Break, the UTB/TSC Baseball Team was out on the diamond every day playing against Fisher College and Wiley College.

The Scorpions hosted a five-game series against the Falcons of Fisher College (Mass.) March 10 to 14. Shortly after, the team made its way to Marshall to face off against the Wiley College Wildcats in a three-game series March 16 and 17. Results were not available at press time.

Before the break, the Scorpions struggled to get the win over the Texas A&M International University Dustdevils on March 6, but they were defeated 15-6 in a nine-inning game.

TAMIU didn't waste any time and scored five runs in the first inning of the game before UTB/TSC could even pick up a bat.

In the second inning of the game, the Dustdevils extended their win over the Scorpions 7-0 after scoring two more runs.

In the bottom of the sixth, UTB/TSC came back to life and tried to catch up to the Dustdevils 9-5.

But TAMIU stood its ground and scored six more runs the final two innings of the game to seal the deal and walk away with a victory.

UTB/TSC had 10 hits, two each by Peter Maldonado, Joel Fernandez, Juan Muñoz and Robert Mariscal. Mariscal towered a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning, which was the first of his collegiate career.

UTB/TSC had 10 pitchers on the mound throughout the game: Mitch Schaafsma, Ryan Moye, Gilbert Hinojosa, Austin Bickerton, Baylr Bickerton, Sam Buchanan, Trevor Guston, Brody Chamberlain, Salvador Villalpando and Zach Cordia.



Joel Fernandez warns his teammate to keep the ball at first base as TAMIU runner Chance Bolcerek slides into second base during the UTB/TSC vs. Texas A&M International University game March 6 on Scorpion Field. TAMIU defeated UTB/TSC 15-6.

The Scorpions struck out 10 Dustdevils, but also walked 10. UTB/TSC committed four errors.

UTB/TSC traveled to Oklahoma's Bacone College to compete in a three-game series March 2 and 3.

On March 2, both teams met on the field for a doubleheader. UTB/TSC split the doubleheader with Bacone College, taking the first win.

In the first game, the Scorpions defeated the Warriors 4-1, bringing their RRAC record to 10-0.

The Warriors scored their run in the third inning for a 1-0 lead before UTB/TSC tied it 1-1 the fourth, when Ricardo Alanis doubled, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on an infield error, according to an Athletics Department news release.

The Scorpions took the lead for good in the fifth on a run-scoring single by Colby Henscey and a fielder's choice that allowed Maldonado to score. Scott Frazier hit his first home run of the season in the seventh inning.

In Game 2, the Warriors ended the undefeated RRAC record streak for the Scorpions after they defeated UTB/TSC 11-10.

Bacone led the game 4-1 after four innings, and each team scored in every inning for the last five innings. UTB/TSC came close throughout the game, but never led. The only tie in the game was the 10-10 score in the ninth inning.

The team collected 13 hits, three by Maldonado and two by Gus Henggeler. Henscey scored three times and drove in two runs.

In the final game of the series March 3, the Scorpions could not recover and they collected their second loss (14-13) in the conference games, making their record 10-2.

The Scorpions are now 15-10 overall and 10-2 in the Red River Athletic Conference. They are now in second place in the conference, behind Northwood University, which is 5-0-1.

Junior pitcher Marcos De Leon was named RRAC Pitcher of the Week for the second straight week for Feb. 27-March 4.

De Leon once again was the winning pitcher in the 4-1 victory over Bacone.

He has now pitched 40 innings, struck out 50, walked 12, and allowed nine earned runs for an earned-run average of 2.03.



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